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# FAST TRAINS AT LAST FOR OUR TOWN?

MAIDSTONE could be on track for a high-speed rail service linking the town to London next year.

Staff working on Southeastern's high-speed train, that currently misses Maidstone, have told passengers the county town will be served from next year.

But there is no official confirmation of the plans from the operators. It is understood the new service would come into effect in May, when timetables are to be changed.

The new high-speed trains would run from Maidstone West Station up to

## EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

Strood, to join the north Kent line for Ebbsfleet and Stratford before terminating at London's St Pancras.

Commuters in Maidstone who take more than an hour to get to London lost out a year ago to Ashford, which is now just 35 minutes from London aboard HS1.

Maidstone borough councillor Stephen Beerling said: "When I think what it could bring I don't even know where to start. But first the huge

bonus it would bring for commuters. We are without doubt a commuter town and a cut in journey times would be great.

"Then there are the financial pluses, more visitors mean more money coming in. Even property prices would benefit as they would go up as the town becomes a more desirable place to live in."

Southeastern confirmed the high-speed Javelin service can run on any lines and say the network's timetable will be modified in May.

"We are always looking at ways to make travel by train more convenient and easier for passengers," said a

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## ELLIE'S EYES SET ON BEAUTY PRIZE

Stunning teenager Ellie Tillett has reached the final of the Miss England qualifying rounds.

The 17-year-old, from Maidstone, is one of just 30 beauties hoping to claim the tiara in the Miss Fresh Photographic contest. The winner takes home a £500 cash prize, but also a coveted spot in the Miss England contest.

Ellie, who has set up her own jewellery business, has already appeared as a grid girl for Formula One world champion Jenson Button at the Auto Sport show 2010.

The winner of Miss England can go on to compete for the Miss World crown and a \$100,000 cash prize.

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# KCC sorry for failing children under its care

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A DAMNING verdict on County Hall's care of vulnerable children has prompted an apology from KCC leader Paul Carter.

The authority was rated inadequate for its safeguarding and looked-after children services, following a two-week Ofsted inspection last month.

Areas of concern to the inspectors include the management and supervision of services, low educational attainment of looked-after children, a high number of cases not receiving quality assessments, and social workers with high case loads.

Cllr Carter said: "We fully accept the findings of the report, and where we have fallen short, we offer our sincere apologies.

"All agencies are completely focused in putting right the shortcomings and weaknesses that have been identified.

"We would like to reassure everyone that the areas identified for immediate improvement by Ofsted are already being addressed.

"We will provide regular updates on our progress so people can see what is being done."

KCC admitted it was struggling to cope with an increased number of referrals, which average about 2,000 a month.

Rosalind Turner, managing director of the council's children, families and education department, said: "KCC and its partners fully recognise the pressures on the service and regret very much that some vulnerable children and families are not receiving the quality and timely response they deserve.

"We are undertaking a major



APOLOGY: KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter

improvement programme with external scrutiny and support"

The inspection was carried out two months after the watchdog warned that children were at risk from inadequate and late assessments by KCC's social services.

The report also highlights concerns about access to child and adolescent mental health services, a high number of "inappropriate" referrals from other agencies, and insufficient use of early intervention support in the community.

A joint statement by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and NHS West Kent read: "While we acknowledge the seriousness of this report, we feel the feedback will help us continue to focus our efforts.

"The two primary care trusts in Kent are addressing the concerns raised in the report as a matter of urgency, and are working closely with our acute hospitals, community services, mental health providers and GPs to continue to improve the quality of safeguarding in Kent."

## Celebrations land brothers in court

BROTHERS Michael and Stephen Shave found themselves in front of magistrates after scuffling with cops in Maidstone town centre.

The pair, from Benover Road, Yalding, got drunk celebrating Stephen's new job and started swearing loudly outside a bar.

When police told them to quieten down, they became more aggressive, Maidstone Magistrates were told.

Michael, 21, admitted being drunk and obstructing police, while his 24-year-old brother admitted being drunk and assaulting a police officer.

Jenny Yale, prosecuting, said two officers were on patrol in King Street when they saw two men swearing at a passer-by.

### Arrested

She said: "They told them to stop. They looked extremely drunk and smelt of alcohol. Stephen Shave swore at the officers and they told the pair to leave immediately.

"Stephen Shave shouted: 'Nick me if you dare.' He was told he was being arrested and fell to the floor. He said: 'You ain't nicking me' and as his brother tried to pull another officer away, Stephen punched the officer in the chest."

Fiona Green, defending, said: "Neither of my clients have been in trouble with the police before. They had been in the Bar Babylon for four hours and were waiting for a taxi to take them home. This was out of character."

Michael was fined a total of £134 and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge plus £43 costs. His brother was given a six-month conditional discharge for the assault, fined £83 with a victim surcharge and £43 costs.

## Community service for teenage lead thief

SHOPLIFTER James Edward McAuliffe has been ordered to carry out 100 hours community service after stealing lead from a Maidstone shop.

The 18-year-old, of Maidstone Road, Maidstone, took the metal on Friday, October 15.

McAuliffe pleaded guilty to theft and was sentenced at Mid Kent Magistrates Court on Monday, November 15. He was ordered to pay £85 costs and receive an £85 benefit deduction.

# Keep it decent, police warn

MORE than 100 voyeurs, flashers and care-free canoodlers have been arrested in the last three years, new figures have revealed.

The shocking statistic shows that Kent Police officers made 108 arrests for public indecency offences in Medway and Maidstone since October, 2007.

Arrests of this nature cover a number of illegal activities, such as urinating in public to engaging in a sexual act in a public place.

The figures were released to this paper following a Freedom of Information request.

Medway leads the way in public indecency arrests, with 61 being made during the three-year period, 14 more than Maidstone's 47.

Both areas recorded year-on-year rises from 2008 to 2009, with

Medway's figures jumping from 19 arrests to 26 and Maidstone's rising from 15 to 20.

However, this year to date has seen a reduction in arrests, with just a dozen being made in Maidstone and 14 in Medway.

Medway Police warned members of the public of the potential outcomes of committing these sorts of crimes.

Chief Inspector Peter de Lozey said: "Fortunately incidents of this nature are very rare across Medway, and the figures highlight that fact.

"If people are seen to be exposing themselves in public then they are likely to be arrested, and could end up with a criminal record.

"On some occasions, people may be doing it for a bit of fun, and on other occasions people may set out to cause alarm or distress to others. However,

whatever the intentions behind exposures, they can leave members of the public upset or even traumatised."

"All offences of this nature are taken seriously, and anyone witnessing any form of exposure should contact police immediately."

Chief Inspector Robbie Graham, Borough Commander for Maidstone added: "Incidents of public indecency and exposure are very rare in Maidstone. This highlights good management of the town's night-time economy and that police are unwilling to tolerate such incidents.

"I would warn individuals considering carrying out acts of public indecency to think again. They could result in arrest and a permanent criminal record. If anyone witnesses an act of public indecency I would urge them to report it."

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# No charges for sniper in 'friendly fire' tragedy

A BRITISH army sniper who gunned down a Maidstone-born soldier will not face any charges over the tragic friendly fire killing, it has been revealed.

Lance Corporal Michael Pritchard was shot in Afghanistan in December last year, while manning an observation post.

The young soldier, of the 4th Regiment Royal Military Police, was just 22.

A report into LCpl Pritchard's death revealed that the sniper had held his target in his sights for more than an hour before opening fire.

The blunder has been blamed on problematic radio equipment, while the use of night-vision goggles and the standard of LCpl Pritchard's body armour have also been questioned.

The soldier's mother, Helen Perry, said she wanted further investigations to be carried out.

"I am bitter and angry," she told a national newspaper. "I want to see somebody held accountable for my son's death, not because I want to see somebody punished but because I want the truth to come out."

The Service Prosecuting Authority ruled that the sniper should not be prosecuted as he was allowed to open fire if he believed that his life was in danger.

His commanding officer also dodged

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

prosecution as he did not owe a duty of care to Pritchard, who was not under his control.

Mrs Perry told The Guardian: "The commanding officer has rights, the sniper has rights, but what about my son's rights?"

Distraught family members and LCpl Pritchard's comrades issued tributes to him shortly after his death in Helmand Province last year.

The family's statement read: "With great sadness, we say goodbye to our beloved son, a lover of life who has lived life to the full and has brought great joy to all those lucky enough to know him.

"A light that shines brightly, our precious son, brother, grandson, boyfriend and special friend to all, we are very proud of you in all that you have done and achieved, and you will always be in our hearts, now and ever more.

"God bless our darling boy, from all of your family and friends."

Lieutenant Colonel Debbie Poneskis, commanding officer, added: "He was a professional and robust soldier, and one who was both physically and morally courageous.

"A cheeky chap, whose laughter was infectious, and whose sincerity and generous spirit touched the lives of many, Lance Corporal Pritchard made us smile every day and we will miss him very much."



VICTIM: Lance Corporal Michael Pritchard died in Afghanistan last year

## Driver on phone was over limit

KRESTABS Lore thought he was safe to drive hours after a mammoth drinking session but he was over the limit.

Lore, 24, a Latvian living in Barton Road, Maidstone, was spotted using his mobile phone while driving down Blue Bell Hill on October 30.

Jenny Yale, prosecuting at Maidstone Magistrates Court said traffic cops stopped his Volvo and found he was just over the drink-drive limit.

He admitted drink-driving and using his mobile phone while driving.

Harveen Philpott, defending, said: "He stopped drinking vodka seven hours previously, but failed to appreciate that the alcohol hadn't left his system."

Lore was banned from driving for a year and fined £200 for drinking driving. For the mobile phone offence he was fined £67, had his licence endorsed and was ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge plus £85 costs.

## Drunk sorry for urinating in road

AMAZED officers saw Piotr Ostrovski urinating feet from speeding traffic on Maidstone's busiest road, the town's magistrates were told.

Ostrovski, 25 was spotted on Royal Engineers Road by a passing patrol on November 1. He admitted being drunk and disorderly.

Jenny Yale, prosecuting, said: "Mr Ostrovski was seen urinating in a bush. When challenged he continued to urinate in his trousers. He was arrested for being drunk."

Ostrovski, of Boxley Road, Maidstone, said: "I was drunk and I pissed on the road. I'm very sorry."

He was given a conditional discharge for nine months.

## High-speed service to boost town

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spokeswoman for the rail operator.

It is possible that a train to and from London and Faversham would be removed to make way for the Maidstone train, with the last service timed to arrive in Kent's county town at about midnight.

Some high-speed trains have also been cut in length, as not as many passengers as previously expected were using them.

A Southeastern spokesman confirmed that 18 high-speed carriages had been removed to fit in with the number of people using the service.

He said: "We constantly monitor our services and see what the level of demand is. We decide on the size of the trains according to what is required.

"The longer the train, the more electricity it uses to run it. It makes neither financial sense nor environmental sense to use a train that has too much capacity."

He said that axed services might be restored in a few months.

"We are only four months into the service and it actually takes about three years to see the real benefits of a timetable," he added.

## PCSO saves wife's life with first-aid training

THE quick thinking of a Maidstone PCSO have led to calls for residents to learn vital life-saving procedures.

Dave Rowley, 55, leaped to his wife's rescue when he performed CPR after she suffered a cardiac arrest in their home.

He was assisted by fellow PCSO and neighbour Martin Allan.

Their brave work allowed paramedics to resuscitate 54-year-old Jackie Rowley, before she was rushed to hospital.

After witnessing the events, Medway paramedic Simon Trafford said he believed the skills displayed by Mr Rowley could benefit everyone.

He said: "From my experience, I can say that it is not very common for a person to survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. It is thanks to the good work which was carried out by Dave and his neighbour before we arrived that we were able to get such a positive outcome.

"This case highlights how important early CPR is in ensuring that a person in cardiac arrest survives, and I would urge everyone to consider getting the training, as you never know when it may be required."

The couple, from Sittingbourne, were spending a quiet evening at

home together when Mrs Rowley suffered the arrest on Tuesday, July 13.

Mr Rowley was about to head upstairs for a shower when he noticed his partner staring blankly into space.

After attempting to bring her round, he called the emergency services who advised him to begin CPR immediately.

The Maidstone PCSO said: "As you can imagine, I was very upset and found it very difficult, but then I remember our neighbour Martin urging me to remember my training. I started to do CPR and after a while Martin took over until the ambulance staff arrived."

Mrs Rowley has no memory of the incident but is thankful for the brave work that saved her life.

She said: "I appreciate just how lucky I am to be here today. Not many people survive out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. I just want to say thanks to everyone who was involved in treating me - ambulance, nurses and doctors. It is just a small thing to say 'thank you' but what else I can I do."

She has subsequently been fitted with a defibrillator and is now making a very good recovery.

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**NEGLECTED:** Henry the Lurcher when he was rescued, above, and right, after treatment and proper feeding from the RSPCA



# Five-year pet ban for owner of starving dog

A CRUEL dog owner who allowed his Lurcher to become so malnourished and thin he could hardly stand up has been banned from keeping animals for five years.

Bradley Fossett, of Lavender Walk, East Malling, allowed the young pup – renamed Henry – to waste away to just 6kg.

Henry was so thin that his ribs were clearly visible – yet Fossett took no action.

Horrified animal welfare inspector Andrew Kirby said Henry was the thinnest dog he had ever seen in 15 years of working for the RSPCA.

Fossett admitted two charges of causing unnecessary suffering and was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court.

He was banned from owning any animals, ordered to carry out 60 hours unpaid work and repay the full £4,456 costs of the case.

The court heard how Fossett took the young Lurcher cross to the vet in December, 2009, for treatment for an ear infection.

However, he soon stopped applying the medication.

The RSPCA was called to Fossett's address in April after a member of the public report-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ed seeing a thin dog through the window.

Insp Kirby said: "He was very emaciated with a nasty neglected ear infection which made him uncoordinated and unbalanced.

"He was trying to lick the remains of some powder from a hot chocolate bottle."

Henry, who was between seven and 10 months old, quickly gained weight. When he was taken from Lavender Walk he weighed 6 kg, but after two weeks of proper feeding he had doubled his weight to 12kg. He now weighs 17kg.

He was given intensive treatment for his ear infection which has now cleared up, but he has lost his hearing.

Insp Kirby added: "Henry is a lovely affectionate dog and now he is back to full health he would make a great pet for somebody.

"He will have to be taught basic commands using hand signals, and would suit a family with older children. He has been neutered and micro-chipped, and he seems to love other dogs."

Anyone who is interested in offering Henry a home should call 0300 123 499 and leave a message.

## Warning after fires start in kitchens

TWO kitchen blazes broke out within hours of one another, prompting firefighters to issue safety advice.

The first fire took hold in Carnation Street, East Malling, at 4pm on Wednesday, November 17, after a female resident accidentally locked herself out of her home, leaving a pan on the hob.

Firefighters were called to East Malling once again at 6.45pm when a fire broke out at a property in Catlyn Close.

This time a grill, which contained frying pans and cooking trays with a build-up of fat and old food stuff, had caught light.

Larkfield crew manager Chris Phipps said: "The kitchen is central to many

homes, but what most of us don't realise is that this room can be one of the most dangerous places in the home.

"The pan at the Carnation Crescent property had not quite boiled dry, but the outcome could have been much worse if we hadn't gained access when we did."

He added: "Overheated chip pans, dirty ovens and grills, and unattended cooking are the main cause of cooking fires.

"It takes a short space of time for a pan to overheat, or for a grill pan to set light to grease, fat or crumbs.

"Thankfully no one was injured in these minor incidents but please follow our advice to keep safe in the kitchen."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lead thieves hit school

METAL thieves left a primary school with a huge repair bill after ripping lead flashing from a classroom roof.

The criminals struck at Burham Primary School late on Monday, November 15, taking lead worth thousands of pounds.

Thieves also targeted the school between Friday, November 12 and Sunday, 14, and there have been three further incidents since Friday, October 22.

Headteacher Michelle Grima said: "The thefts have caused a significant amount of damage.

"Computers have been left with water damage and I do not know yet if they can be salvaged. I would urge anyone who may have information to contact the police."

Anyone with any information in relation to the lead thefts should call police on 01732 379217, quoting reference 16147, or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Hand-made gifts for sale

A WIDE range of high-quality hand-made gifts will be on sale at the Hazlitt Arts Centre from next week.

The goods have all been made by Maidstone-based designers and artists. A preview night will be held at the town centre venue on Friday, November 26, running from 5pm to 7pm. The exhibition opens on Monday, 29.

Maidstone Borough Council's leisure boss Richard Ash said: "In these times of austerity it's extremely important to support local craftspeople. Exhibitions like this help keep our economy buoyant."

## Drug user going straight

PASSING police thought Toby Smith was looking furtive when they saw him with another man in Hermitage Lane, Barming.

When they stopped him, they found Smith, 20, had a small bag of herbal cannabis in his pocket.

He admitted possessing the Class B drug worth £10 at Maidstone Magistrates Court.

Smith said: "I've now given up smoking cannabis because I can see the trouble it can get me into."

He was fined £147 and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge plus £85 costs.

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## Elderly boosted by winter warmer

WINTER fuel payments are being sent out to help residents with Christmas heating costs.

Cash has been offered to more than 23,000 households in Maidstone and 233,000 across the county to date.

Pensions minister Steve Webb said: "More than nine million households will benefit this winter to help with heating costs. This is on top of additional help through cold weather payments if temperatures plummet.

"People should have the confidence to turn up the heating as winter hits."

Most households with someone born on or before July 5, 1950, will receive £250 towards winter fuel bills. Households with someone aged 80 and over will get £400.

## Drink driver's car clipped the kerb

TRAFFIC cops became suspicious when they saw a Honda Civic clip a kerb and narrowly miss three parked cars in the centre of Maidstone.

When they stopped the vehicle, driver Apimmetki Kata, 45, reeked of alcohol and fell out of the car, county town magistrates were told. Kata, of Queen Street, Rochester, admitted being three and a half times over the drink-drive limit.

Jenny Yale, prosecuting, said police also noticed all the windows in Kata's car were open, even though it was raining. She said: "He staggered out and fell over. He was shocked to see he was so far over the limit."

The case was adjourned until December 7 for probation reports.

# Paramedic's knife ordeal points to bravery award

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A BRAVE paramedic who talked down a knife-wielding drunk has been commended for his actions.

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust technician Simon Matthews came face-to-face with the distressed patient on an emergency callout in the county town in January.

Simon, based at Maidstone ambulance station, realised the man had taken an overdose, coupled with a large quantity of alcohol, and needed to go to hospital for immediate treatment.

The patient became agitated at the suggestion of going to hospital and took out a knife, which he threatened to use if he was forced to leave.

Mr Matthews said: "He was clearly distressed and very aggressive. I spent about five minutes talking to him and building up trust between us before taking the knife from him."

"It was a very frightening experience, but when you are there dealing with it you're on autopilot. If I'd walked away I don't know what would have happened to him."

Mr Matthews was nominated by clinical operations manager Paul Creasey, who said: "Simon was extremely brave and clearly put aside his own safety for the welfare of his patient."

The awards ceremony, held in Tunbridge Wells earlier this month, also recognised the dedication of staff who have been in the NHS for more than 20 and 30 years, as well as employee of the year.



**WELL DONE:** Simon Matthews, left, receives his award from Secamb chief executive Paul Sutton

SECamb chief executive Paul Sutton said: "Our awards provide us with a valuable opportunity to recognise the tremendous achievements of our staff during the year, in a range of roles throughout the organisation."

"Our staff are, without doubt, this organisation's greatest asset. They work extremely hard

in often difficult circumstances to provide the very best levels of care to our patients.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

**JO JAMES**



**Q** How long have you had connections with Kent?

**A** My grandparents lived here, and although I was an Army child and therefore lived in various places, we always maintained contact here. I finally settled in Kent permanently 35 years ago.

**Q** How did you get involved in the Chamber of Commerce?

**A** I originally ran a children's nursery, but had to take a long break from work for medical reasons. As I recovered, I felt that, although I had young children at home, I needed some part time work and I answered a small-ad for 12 hours a week of secretarial work. I can do that, I thought. That was in July 1990. The job turned out to be at the then Ashford Chamber of Commerce, and I have been with the Chamber ever since. I suppose you could say that I have just completed 20 years of my sentence!

**Q** Can you tell us about the Chamber and how it helps business in the county?

**A** We use the strapline 'The Ultimate Business Network' and that is what we try to be. It means we are here to help any business in any capacity that we can. Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce can advise and support anybody from the initial dream of a business conception through to a successful trading environment and the fulfilment of that dream. For existing companies of all shapes and sizes, we can help

monitor, develop and expand their trading operation by cutting costs, increasing productivity and advise on all aspects of business practice. Our members can benefit from our extensive networking opportunities, cost-effective member services of all kinds, and frequent workshops and advisory clinics.

**Q** What would you say are the challenges facing business at the moment?

**A** The biggest challenge at present has to be the ramifications of the recession and the Government's efforts to mitigate the effects of it. There is no doubt that cutbacks and the restructuring of the infrastructure of business support will have wide-ranging effects on the business environment. The running down of the Regional Development Agencies and the introduction of Local Enterprise Partnerships is another crucial aspect with currently uncertain outcomes. It is highly likely that we are entering a period of significant change in the whole gamut of business and commerce, and we really have little idea how it will pan out. That uncertainty is probably what constitutes the biggest challenge. How we respond to it is something we have to learn as it unfolds.

**Q** Are you optimistic about the new government plans for local enterprise partnerships?

**A** Cautiously optimistic, I believe that any change always presents opportunities. If change can present opportunities, then I feel

that the Kent, Greater Essex & East Sussex LEP should be in a position to maximise those opportunities. Provided that the LEPs operate as conceived, with a major element of input from business, then I believe that we can look forward to a positive future.

**Q** Is there too much red tape for start-up businesses?

**A** I could devote a whole page to the subject of business red tape, and not just where start-ups are concerned. There are far too many impediments to business growth and development, and frankly it would be tedious to try and list them all. This is where I have great hopes that a business-led LEP will be able to help.

**Q** What is the Chamber's attitude towards the EU?

**A** One of the many effects of the changing economy might well be a down-turn in domestic demand, and the EU represents a whole new market available to local business, which has, frankly, thus far been slow to exploit that potential. Perhaps we have been concentrating too much on the market on our doorstep. A strong EU represents a strong market opportunity, and we should all work towards it.

• **Contact the Chamber at Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Ashford TN24 0LH. Tel: 01233 503838. Email: info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk. Web: www.kentinictachamber.co.uk.**

**Q&A**

**Ed Hill** talks to Jo James the Chief Executive of the Invicta Chamber of Commerce about the future of business in the county in face of the recession and cutbacks and how things will shape up in the future

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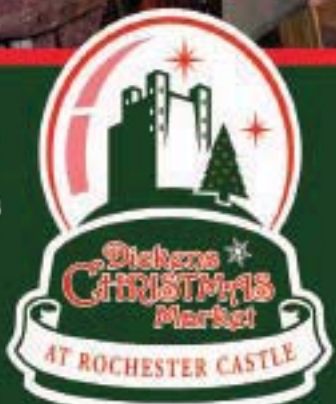
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## Bangladesh trip to prove water works

**FUNDRAISER** Paul Kidd will fly out to Bangladesh this weekend to see how the money he has collected is being spent.

The South East Water systems engineer, from Brookfield Avenue, Larkfield, has been raising money for WaterAid since 2007.

Since then the 36-year-old has run through muddy fields, climbed mountains and taken on all manner of other challenges in the name of charity.

His efforts have seen more than £15,000 raised for WaterAid, which improves access to safe water and sanitation in developing countries.

Now Paul has been chosen to represent South East Water on a week-long trip to Bangladesh to see how his efforts have helped to change lives.

The Snodland-based water worker said: "This trip is a chance for me to see for myself the work WaterAid is doing and I hope to inspire even more people at South East Water to get involved and raise funds for this vital cause."

WaterAid's development manager, Nikki Skipper, added: "The money raised by South East Water fundraisers like Paul helps WaterAid change the lives of some of the world's poorest people, bringing safe water, sanitation and hygiene education. This is a great opportunity for him to see how their hard work and generosity has made a real difference."

Paul will be writing an online blog of his travels. Read it at [www.sewateraid.blogspot.com](http://www.sewateraid.blogspot.com).



**FUNDRAISER:**  
Paul Kidd

# Brian snaps up opportunity to study old photos

**PHOTOGRAPHY** fan Brian Carr will come face to face with the former King of Hawaii after being handpicked to study a research MA.

The long-standing Maidstone Museum volunteer has been chosen by the De Montford University of Leicester to inspect 43 extremely rare Daguerreotype images.

The valuable collection of early photographs dates back to 1851 and includes stills of the King of Hawaii, his wife and the royal entourage.

### Anticipation

Brian, who took up photography at the age of 14, said he cannot wait to get to grips with the collection.

"Naturally, I'd read about Daguerreotypes, but actually holding one of these early images made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up," he said.

"The thought went through my mind that I am in effect travelling back 150 years and here is a person looking back at me."

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

"This is something that I have never felt with any other process. To hold a one-off Daguerreotype is to hold a slice of time, frozen in perpetuity."

"I'm extremely honoured to have unrestricted access to such a rare collection, and hope that I can do it justice in my MA."

### Process

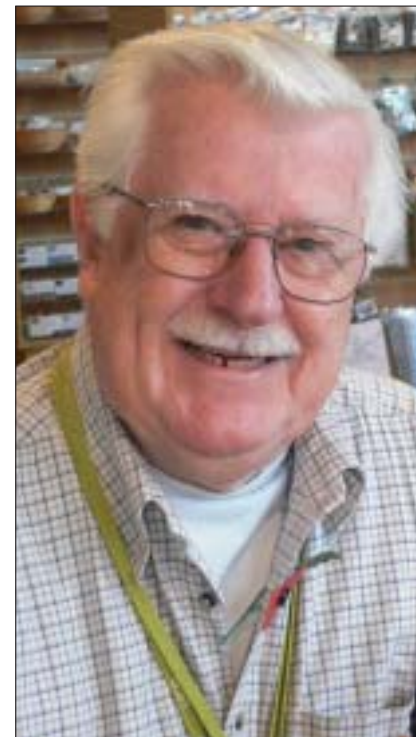
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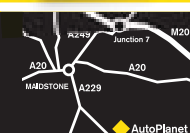


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Lenham retailers are already competing for the best Christmas shop window and the winner will be announced on the day.

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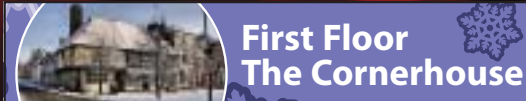
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Food will be taken care of throughout the day with hot dogs and burgers from GB Lester Butchers and The Chequers Fish Bar, and from 1pm there will be a delicious hog roast at The Red Lion.

The Dog and Bear has Morris Men at 1.15pm and 2pm and then Victoria's Cabaret Club will take you back to the 1980s. From 3.30pm until 4pm there will be a presentation of High School Musical and Grease.

The Fancy Dress Competition will be judged at 4pm by Faye Jarvis and at 4.30pm, it's the big Christmas Light Switch On, which promises to be even more spectacular than last year.

Lenham Valley Business Associates are still putting the finishing touches to the day and times may be altered so to get the full programme for the day visit [www.lenhambusiness.co.uk](http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk)



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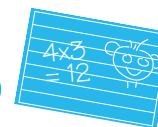
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## BREAK TIME



RED CARD: Pupils campaign outside school

## Parents beware of traffic control

PUPILS are showing the red card to poorly-parking parents.

The St Michael's Infant and Junior School youngsters' campaign is aimed at keeping cars off the zig-zag lines near the school gates.

The red cards are backed up with a banner outside the school, and letters to drivers.

The two-week campaign is being run by KCC school travel planners in liaison with the school, Kent Police and Maidstone Council.

Parking tickets are being issued to offenders ignoring the zig-zag markings.

KCC highways chief Nick Chard said: "We have successfully used the zig zag initiative to raise drivers' awareness of the need to take great care when parking outside schools in other parts of Kent."

"We are working closely with the primary school to make it safer for children as they come into school and return home. Drivers can do their bit by parking in a safe place away from the school's entrance."



INSPIRATION: Maidstone Girls' Grammar pupil has overcome many obstacles to achieve a medal at the World Championships. She is now training for the 2012 Paralympics

# World Championships have silver lining for rower Kelsie

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**TALENTED** Kelsie Gibson has become the youngest GB rower to win a World Championship medal after finishing second in New Zealand.

The Maidstone Girls' Grammar pupil won a silver medal in the LTA coxed four class – with her boat pipped at the post by the Canadian crew.

GB were in first place for much of the race but with 150m to go the Canadians squeezed into the lead and eventually took the race by just 0.55 seconds.

After the initial disappointment of winning silver, Kelsie said: "We haven't been together

as a crew long.

"We only got together in this combination in September so we have got to be happy with what we have achieved.

"It does make me more determined going into the Paralympic run-up to train harder."

Rowing coach Liz Long added: "We are very proud of Kelsie and her achievements both on and off the water; she is an inspiration to all of us to overcome any obstacle and to strive for the very highest goals in sport,

"I can't wait to be screaming her down the finishing straight at Eton in 2012."

Kelsie started rowing at school in 2008 and

was quickly identified as a GB class athlete and joined Maidstone Invicta Rowing club.

This year she has raced at the Varese International Regatta winning Gold and also won Gold at the World Cup event in Bled.

The World Championships was GB's first encounter with the Canadian crew who had stayed away from the international circuit after not medalling in Beijing.

Kelsie is joined by Kate Jones (visually impaired), Ryan Chamberlain (leg amputee) James Roe (visually impaired) and cox Rhiannon Jones.

Kelsie is seeking sponsorship to take her forward to the 2012 Paralympics. If you are interested in supporting her email llong@mggs.org.

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# Beware of kitchen's hidden dangers, firefighters urge

TWO kitchen blazes broke out within hours of one another, prompting firefighters to issue safety advice to householders.

The first fire took hold in Carnation Crescent, East Malling, at about 4pm on Wednesday, last week.

A resident accidentally locked herself out of her home, leaving a pan unattended on the hob. Firefighters were called to East Malling again at 6.45pm, when a fire broke out at a property in Catlyn Close.

This time a grill, which contained frying pans and cooking trays with a build-up of fat and old foodstuff, had caught alight.

Larkfield crew manager Chris Phipps said: "The kitchen is central to many homes,

but what most of us don't realise is that this room can be one of the most dangerous.

"Fortunately, the pan at Carnation Crescent had not quite boiled dry, but the outcome could have been much worse if we hadn't gained access when we did."

He added: "Overheated oil in chip pans, dirty ovens and grills, along with unattended cooking, are the main causes of cooking fires.

"It takes a very short time for a pan to overheat, or for a grill pan to set light to grease, fat or leftover crumbs.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Putting salt on winter road issue

I was pleased to read that Kent Highways Service has taken steps to ensure the county is not as badly affected by the snow as it was earlier this year (Yourmaidstone 17/11).

Contingency procedures and forward planning will surely play their part.

However, I was shocked to see that KHS has only stockpiled 23,000 tonnes of salt across its eight depots.

This is only 3,000 tonnes more than we had in January.

If I am not mistaken, we ran out after only a few days of snow. How is 3,000 extra tonnes going to put an end to the problem?

I fear that once again Kent will be brought to an all-too-familiar standstill by the snow.

Other EU countries must laugh at our inability to handle the weather.

It's not as if we haven't been warned. Winter comes every year and every year we are woefully ill-equipped to deal with the plummeting temperatures and frost-covered roads.

What has to be done before the powers-that-be put real plans in place? It shouldn't be such a major headache. Double the amount of salt and increase the number of gritters. Problem solved.

Mr John Lundy, East Malling

### Job's short sentence has me all fired up

Not a long enough sentence, the sentencing in this country does nothing but encourage these yobs to reoffend. Make an example of them and put the frighteners on anyone else from committing arson. They should get a minimum of 15 years hard labour, not pussy-footing around with such lenient sentences. Bring back proper justice in this country, these yobs could have killed many, what do they care!

Carole Russell, Comment posted online at [www.yourmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.yourmaidstone.co.uk)

### Police concern over Green meeting place

I am writing to express my concern and ask for your kind assistance as police are being notified of a number of large gatherings of

young people on Bearsted Green, which appear to have been organised through social networking sites.

Over the course of Halloween, police dealt with a number of incidents on the green involving young persons who were acting in an anti-social manner.

Although, most of the children were fairly good-natured when spoken to by police and did arrange lifts home, a small minority had to be taken home after drinking alcohol to excess. Officers also seized and disposed of a large amount of alcohol.

While we understand vulnerable young people need to be protected and therefore police are duty-bound to attend such gatherings, it does mean our valuable resources are unable to be deployed elsewhere in the meantime. In addition, while attending these gatherings some of these young people are putting themselves at risk through excess alcohol consumption, which in turn makes them more likely to be a victim of crime.

I would be grateful if you could discuss with your child as to whether they are attending these gatherings and ensure they behave in a safe manner while out at night.

Inspector Jerry Prodger,  
Maidstone neighbourhood inspector

### We need some thought to collection

I think what Gary's entertaining and thought-provoking blog is saying is that recycling schemes have to be carefully-thought through and introduced with a bit of nous.

My experience of Ashford's waste collection is similar to his; they take my rubbish away with predictable efficiency.

Like him I pay a lot of money in council tax and like him I only really need my bins collected and a few streetlights in return.

I have a torch, so they could actually ditch the lights, but driving to the tip is a pain. Gary's point, though, is that the 'best' systems tend to come with a fascist-style regime for enforcing them – perhaps because they have to.

And, like him, I could do without the hassle involved in stropky collectors refusing to take mildly-contaminated recycling or over-full bins away.

In Ashford we don't have that; and that's a good thing. Oh, and I do recycle glass, tins, magazines and cardboard – I'm on your side. Incidentally, we just about halved our weekly 'waste arisings', to use an awful new local government

phrase, by moving from big bulky plastic cartons to milk from the milkman. Best thing we ever did, in terms of the environment.

Malcolm Triggs, by email

### A rubbish argument without any research

How lazy are you? It is your waste and your responsibility. If you took the time to do any research before penning this brainless rant you would understand that sorting through waste after it has been collected produces recycling of very little environmental value.

Meanwhile, if you took a second to find out how much waste and recycling costs you (generally about £100 per household per year in the UK – you can't even get a paper delivered for that) then you would stop the ill-informed "I pay my council tax" chestnut.

It is nothing short of a scandal that Ashford has come bottom – a largely affluent borough that has come even lower than deprived inner London Boroughs such as Tower Hamlets and Newham. But your complacent and selfish attitude gives a reason why perhaps they can get away with it.

Mike Webster, by email

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To find out more about Christmas at County Square visit  
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## DAY & NIGHT

### Festive fun at libraries

CHILDREN can get creative at Medway's libraries this Christmas.

A family Christmas craft session is being held at Strood library on Saturday, December 11, from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Chatham Library has a festive family sing-a-long from 3-4.30pm the same day.

Children aged four to 10 can make Christmas crafts at Hempstead Library, from 3.30-4.30pm on Tuesday, December 21, and cards at Chatham Library the next day from 2.15-3pm.

The events are free but booking is essential. For details visit [www.facebook.com/medwaylibraries](http://www.facebook.com/medwaylibraries) or call 01634 337799.

### Youngsters' charity gig

YOUNG people have organised a night of music and dance to help local youngsters with life-threatening illnesses.

Wannabe pop star Andrew Stone of TV show Pineapple Dance Studios will host Kent Youth Influence's A Night to Cherish at Gravesend's Woodville Halls on Friday, November 26, to raise money for children's charity Cherished Memories. A number of VIPs are expected to attend.

Visit [www.cherished-memories.com](http://www.cherished-memories.com) to find out more.

Tickets are £8 in advance, £10 on the door. Call the box office on 01474 33 77 74 or visit [www.woodvillehalls.com](http://www.woodvillehalls.com).

### Christmas gifts sale

A RANGE of festive gifts and handcrafted goods are on sale at the Civic Centre, Gravesend as part of the Mayor's Christmas Market.

The Mayor of Gravesham Cllr William Lambert is inviting residents to the event on Friday, November 26 from 10am. Sale items include jewellery, make-up, clothing and cards, from local businesses and High Street brands.

### Guitarist's album debut

GUITARIST Chris Corcoran launches his debut CD at The Music Room, Pizza Express in Maidstone.

On Friday, December 3 he and his trio will launch new album *The Getaway*, recorded with Peter Gatrex on drums and Dave Lagnado on double bass.

Tickets are £14 from the venue. For more info on Chris visit [www.chriscorcoranmusic.com](http://www.chriscorcoranmusic.com)

### Trail for arts lovers

A TRAIL has been launched to encourage more visitors to discover the arts scene in Rochester High Street.

The Rochester Arts and Crafts trail includes a map of the High Street and details of more than 40 retailers, food outlets and attractions. Visit [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk) for more information.

### Players' variety show

ALTERNATE Shadows Theatre hold their 2010 variety show on Saturday, November 27.

The show at Cleave Warne Hall, behind St Matthew's Church, Borsdal, at 8pm features live songs, dances, a ukulele duet, puppetry, magic, and comedy. Tickets are £5, call 01634 311387.

# Traditional fun at Kent's pantos

## PANTOMIME SEASON

Various dates

Various venues

PANTOMIME season is almost upon us. That's right, it's once again time for dames to don their tights and TV stars to ham it up as only they can, as the region's productions are set to spring into life.

Many rehearsals are already under way, so don't be surprised if you bump into a soap star in your local supermarket, or perhaps while you're having your hair cut.

There are several pantos set to delight families in the area, as the Christmas and New Year tradition continues.

For many theatres, it's a time for them to raise their profile in the community and make some money with the flagships shows.

So it's time to decide which one you want to go to and dig out the credit card to book your seats.

At Dickens World, in Chatham, Peter Pan flies in to battle the wicked Captain Hook.

The production will raise money for Great Ormond Street children's hospital, and takes place in the Britannia Theatre, from December 11 to January 2.

Take a look at the website to book your tickets (£12 adults, £9 children) at [www.dickensworld.co.uk](http://www.dickensworld.co.uk) or call 01634 890421.

Also in Chatham, it's time for Jack and the Beanstalk at The Central Theatre.

EastEnders star Emma Barton, who played Honey, joins top comedy impressionist Paul Burling, of Britain's Got Talent fame, to sow the magic beans and battle the evil giant.

The show runs from December 10 to January 2 and tickets range from £14 to £19.50.

Go to [www.medwaypanto.co.uk](http://www.medwaypanto.co.uk) for full prices. You can book online too, or call the box office on 01634 338338.

Further west, in Dartford, The Orchard Theatre is home to Bobby Davro, who will be cracking the jokes in Jack and the Beanstalk.

The show features magnificent scenery, beautiful costumes, a larger than life beanstalk – the biggest in Kent – and one very mean giant at the top of it!

The Churchill Theatre, in Bromley, is hosting a production of Aladdin, starring blonde bombshell Melinda Messenger.

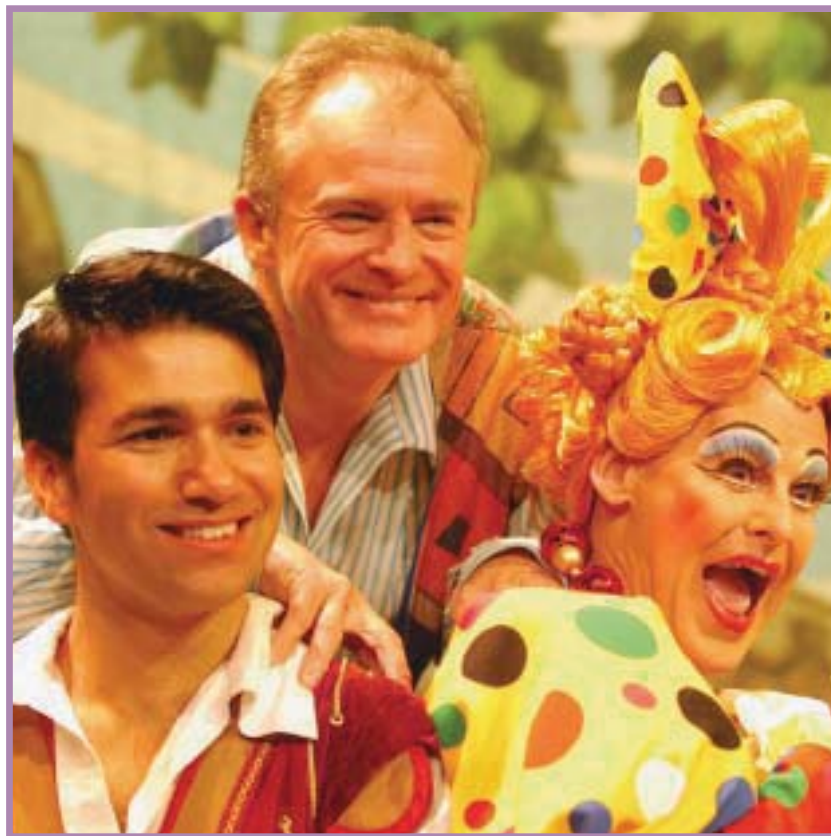
As the Genie, she'll be granting the wishes of Chris Till as the eponymous hero.

The pair will battle Don Gillet, who stars as the evil Abanazar.

Expect comedy, audience participation, spectacular sets, song and dance, action, special effects and the magic carpet ride of your life.

Tickets are priced £18 to £25 and available by calling 08448 717636 or visiting [www.ambassadorstickets.com/Bromley](http://www.ambassadorstickets.com/Bromley).

The show runs from December 3 to January 9.



**STARS:** Bobby Davro is pictured above with fellow cast members from Jack and the Beanstalk in Dartford, and right, Melinda Messenger as the Genie in Bromley

At the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, another EastEnders star will be getting glammed up for Beauty and the Beast.

Melissa Suffield, who played Lucy Beale, will be joined by fellow soap star, Emmerdale's Ben Freeman, who played Scott Windsor, to tell the classic fairy tale from December 4 to January 9.

Tickets cost between £9 and £12.50 and are available from the website at [www.hazlittarts-centre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittarts-centre.co.uk) or from 01622 758611.

Meanwhile, Cinderella will be searching for her glass slipper in West Malling at the village hall from December 3 to December 5.

Adult tickets are £5, children and OAPs £3. Call 07903579237 to book yours.

Finally, on Sheppey, the Sheppey Little Theatre in Sheerness will also be hosting Jack and the Beanstalk.

Tickets are £5 each and available from December 30 to January 2.

Visit the theatre's website at [www.shepey-littletheatre.org](http://www.shepey-littletheatre.org) for details.



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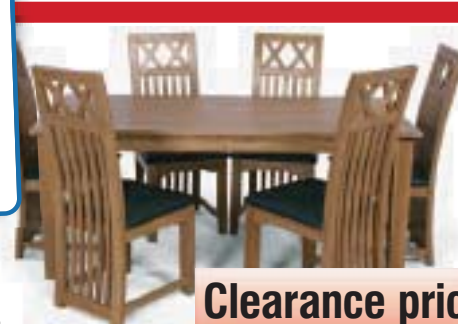
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## MODS VS ROCKERS

Wednesday, November 24, The Orchard Theatre, Dartford



MODS vs Rockers recreates all the brilliant music of the 60s, starring five world-class musicians who have played with some of the biggest and greatest names in rock history.

Join the band as they play the very best music from The Who, The Small Faces, The Kinks, The Doors, The Stones, The Beatles, The Yardbirds, Manfred Mann, The Nashville Teens, Early Pink Floyd, Desmond Dekker and much more.

This nostalgic night of classic hits is set to one of the best 60s party that you will ever attend

as dozens of classic hits are belted out by the band, who take their name from the famous pitch battles of the era between the two rival gangs.

The music will be familiar, but still as captivating as the day it was recorded.

The 60s is still the most influential of all musical decades and the crowds are sure to be dancing in the aisles to the hits from some of rock's biggest luminaries, played faithfully.

Tickets are £17.50 and available from the box office on 01322 220000.



## THE JIVE ACES

Friday, November 24, Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



HIGH-energy swing band The Jive Aces, counted as one of the UK's best in their field, return to The Brook Theatre stage.

The London-based band's Medway date comes hot on the heels of a headline performance at the first-ever swing dance event at The Royal Albert Hall.

This will be a night to make you move, with a band who are masters of their craft and who have many, many years of experience.

The Jive Aces' live shows emit a real love and feel for the music. They have performed more than

300 shows a year in more than 25 countries around the world, alongside stars including John Travolta, Isaac Hayes and Van Morrison.

The band will be supported by girl group The Satin Dollz (pictured), who will perform a selection from the golden age of stage and screen musicals from the 30s through the 50s.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12, jazz mailing list members £11.

Book at the box office on 01634 338338 or visit [www.thebrooktheatre.co.uk](http://www.thebrooktheatre.co.uk).

## JIM JEFFRIES: ALCOHOLOCAUST

Friday, November 26,  
The Orchard Theatre, Dartford.



THE abrasive Australian comedian may put a few backs up, but he is funny, so we'll let that slide.

Never afraid to court controversy, Jeffries' forthright and opinionated shows have sometimes divided audiences.

But no-one ever said being a comedian was easy, even if Jeffries makes it look that way.

With five Edinburgh Fringe sell-out shows, numerous TV appearances, including Have I Got News For You, Never Mind The Buzzcocks, 8 Out of 10 Cats and Angry Young Men in the UK, and Conan O'Brien, and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno Stateside, his own HBO hour comedy special, I Swear To God, Jeffries is now one of the biggest names in comedy right now, so get yourself a ticket.

He's not afraid to touch on the most sensitive of subjects, so a feisty night is almost guaranteed.

He has been described as the "most gratifyingly riotous comedian working today" by The List, and his take-no-prisoners act has won him fans across the country. He's an in-demand name for TV and radio appearances. Tickets are £16 each £16.00 and available from the box office on 01322 220000.



## CONTEMPORARY ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN EXHIBITION



Monday, November 29 onwards, The Hazlitt Arts Centre, Maidstone

BUY a unique gift this Christmas at the Hazlitt Arts Centre.

The exhibition, in the Graham Clarke Gallery, features 15 local designers, craftspeople and artists, and runs until January 4, 2011.

Exhibits will include handmade soaps and inexpensive jewellery right up to designer silver jewellery, screen prints and mixed media fabric wall hangings.

There is a sneak preview night, which is open to the public, on Friday, November 26 from 5-7pm.

It will feature live music, poetry readings, wine and nibbles.

Councillor Eric Hotson, the Mayor of Maidstone will open the exhibition at 6pm.

The night should end people's week in style and give them a chance to purchase gifts in a relaxed, contemporary atmosphere.

Councillor Richard Ash, Maidstone council's cabinet member for leisure and culture said: "I'd urge everyone to come and see the amazing gifts on offer."



## GUYS AND DOLLS

November 24 to November 27,  
Churchill Theatre, Bromley



THE hit Broadway musical is one of the all-time great shows, and returns to the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, after their rip-roaring success of The Full Monty, also performed by the West Wickham Operatic Society.

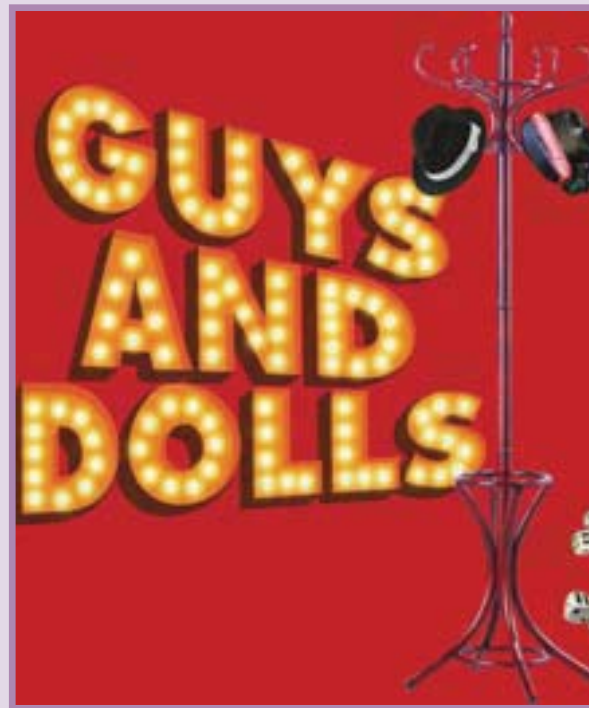
Guys and Dolls first hit the stage exactly 60 years ago in 1950, and remains the staple diet of Broadway.

In the streets of New York, Damon Runyon's wittily-drawn characters are set on a collision course: earnest Sarah Brown from the Save-a-Soul Mission is wooed by inveterate gambler Sky Masterson, as the irrepressible Nathan Detroit seeks a new location for his floating dice game while side-stepping both the law and Adelaide, his showgirl fiancée of 14 years.

Richly comic and unashamedly upbeat, the show features Luck Be A Lady, Sit Down, You're Rocking The Boat, Bushel And A Peck, Take Back Your Mink and, of course, Guys & Dolls.

Book now to see this timeless epic in a fresh and colourful production.

There are shows at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and tickets are £19.50 and £21.50 from [www.ambassadorsortickets.com](http://www.ambassadorsortickets.com) or the theatre box office on 0870 060 6620.





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**VICKY** attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. **Essex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353033**

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**CURVY** young looking widow loves dancing, nights out, but would prefer cosy nights in with that special man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353483**

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**GOOD** looking, slim, funny, lovable female, 24, many interests, looking for similar genuine male for cuddles and cosy nights in/out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352121**

**VERY** attractive feminine working girl, great personality, loves to travel, seeks well built, experienced guy for quality times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352127**

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**GORGEOUS** tall brunette, blue eyes, many fun interests looking for someone special to enjoy fun/new adventures with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352713**

**SIMPLY** fabulous funky redhead, 39, down to earth, fit and active, seeks laid back, passionate guy to share red wine, good conversation, maybe more. **Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352711**

**EXOTIC** curvy female, excellent cook, fit and active seeking mature white male to pamper and be looked after in return. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352705**

**ATTRACTIVE** blue eyed blonde, 41, no ties, seeks someone easygoing and fun who can make life a bit more interesting. **Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352703**

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**QUIET** smart, brown eyed lady, likes meals out and dancing. **WLTm** laidback mature man to share laughter. **TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352673**

**CURVY** brunette, loving but a bit of a dreamer looking to share special times together with likeminded easygoing male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352671**

**ATTRACTIVE** fun, friendly blonde, enjoys the outdoors, cycling, walks, sailing, theatre, travel, seeks intelligent, like-minded gent for friendship, maybe more. **London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382502**

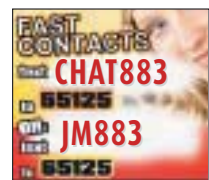
**TINY** attractive fun loving lady, likes to cook romantic meals, music and dancing. **WLTm** medium built likeminded male for loving LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352119**

**ADORABLE** beauty, curvy, caring, down to earth, trained lawyer, seeks good man for friendship, companionship, maybe more. **London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351337**

**TALL** attractive nurse, dark hair, blue eyes looking to meet someone young and fit for off duty fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350719**

**LOVELY** curvy, extrovert, green eyed blonde, seeks gorgeous, easygoing, fun male to share cuddles, laughs and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350697**

**ATTRACTIVE** vivacious, curvy blonde beautiful brown eyes, many interests, looking for someone nice to cuddle up on the sofa and share good wine with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350695**



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**LOVELY** green eyed brunette likes long romantic walks, seeks tall, outgoing male with GSOH to light up her life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351343**

**TALL** slim blonde, 46, loves to travel looking for someone genuine and honest to share cosy evenings in with a bottle of wine, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351341**

**RED** haired rock chick, loves fast cars, seeking tall, dark, well groomed male for fun in the fast lane, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351393**

**ATTRACTIVE** curvy blue eyed blonde, 39, likes pubs/clubs, seeks loving romantic male for a special relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351391**

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**LOVING** 38yr old female, honest, romantic, loving, caring, likes swimming, meals out, nights in, seeks male, 45-55 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350775**

**STUNNING** ex model, curvy, long legs seeks tall well built guy relax with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349005**

**HEATHER** 47, seeks kind, caring, thoughtful, trustworthy male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382290**

**LOVELY** Estonia lady, N/S, 59, likes music, travel, theatre, walks, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship and to share interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351133**



**SINGLE** male, 34, seeks female for fun times, maybe more. 25-40. **Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382850**

**TALL** attractive, black male, seeks mature, white female for friendship. **Haywards Heath. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382848**

**NICE** guy 52, average build, seeks curvy female, 24-45 for LTR. **Wembley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353355**

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**TALL** white guy brown hair/eyes, 48, seeks female with good personality for friendship, maybe more. **London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352837**

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**OLD** fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192**



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**GENUINE** male, 39, fit, handsome, seeks female, 18-30 for fun, laughs and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352235**

**SINGLE** 40yr old male, sporty, dark features, good looking, seeks lonely female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352177**

**SOLVENT** slim male, 5ft 10ins, fun, 50's, **WJTM** similar relaxed lady. **Hampshire/Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353435**

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**YOUNG** 60yr old male, likes cats, cooking, seeks female, 54-70 to share life. **Bexhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382618**

**TALL** mature, attractive male, seeks slim, petite, Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. **London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352511**

**FIT** professional male, slim, dark hair, GSOH, seeks attractive, medium build female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382508**

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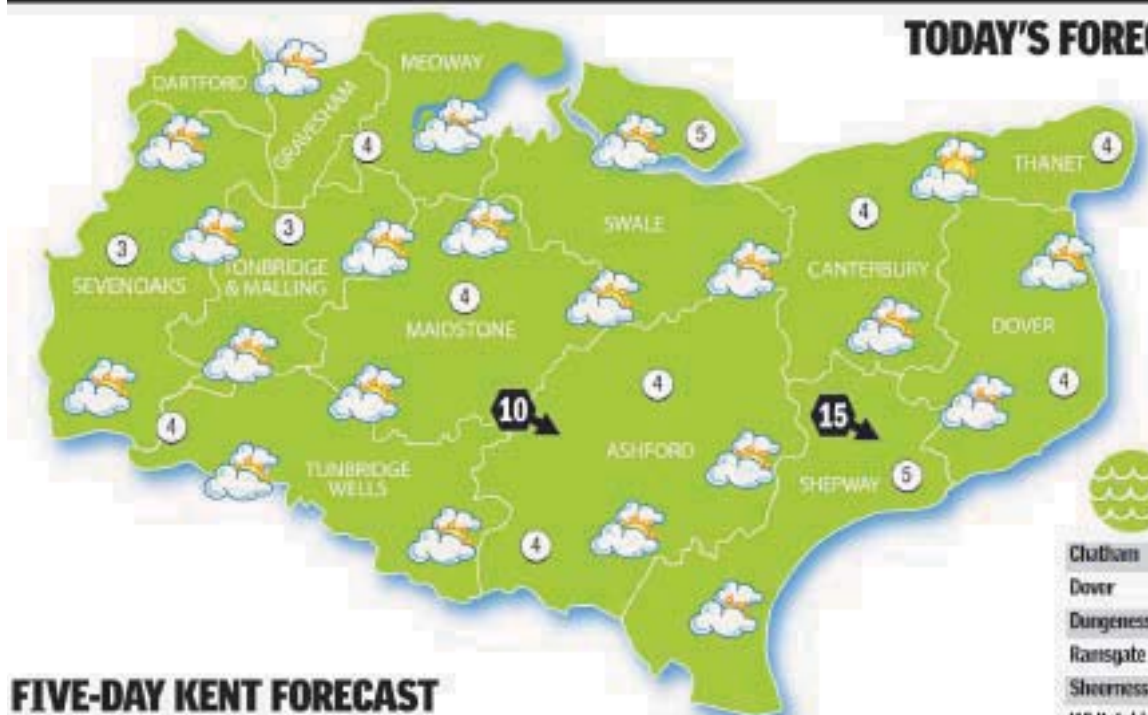
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Hong Kong	25°C	Warsaw	5°C
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Chatham	Saturday	4:29pm 5.8m	Sunday	5:20pm 5.6m
Dover	Saturday	2:37pm 6.1m	Sunday	3:42pm 5.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:24pm 7.3m	Sunday	3:39pm 7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:07pm 4.6m	Sunday	4:12pm 4.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:13pm 5.5m	Sunday	5:09pm 5.3m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:16pm 5.1m	Sunday	5:12pm 4.9m



## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	7°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	3°C	Dover	7°C	5°C	5°C	3°C	3°C	Gravesend	7°C	5°C	5°C	4°C	3°C
Canterbury	7°C	5°C	4°C	3°C	2°C	Faversham	7°C	5°C	6°C	5°C	4°C	Maidstone	7°C	5°C	5°C	3°C	3°C
Chatham	7°C	5°C	6°C	5°C	4°C	Folkestone	7°C	5°C	5°C	3°C	3°C	Ramsgate	7°C	5°C	4°C	3°C	2°C
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												Sittingbourne	7°C	5°C	6°C	5°C	4°C
												Tonbridge	6°C	4°C	3°C	3°C	2°C
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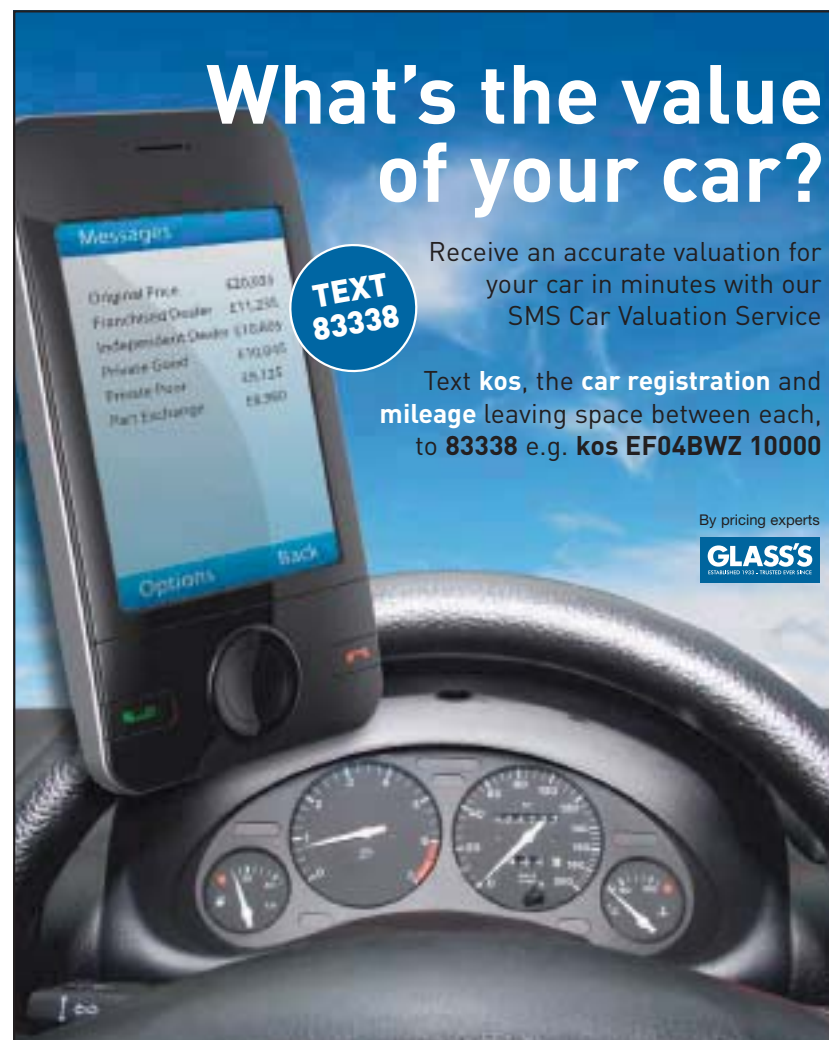
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# Beginning of the end is bleak and two-dimensional for wizard Harry

■ BY DAMON SMITH

AND so it begins – the final chapter of JK Rowling's best-selling fantasy saga, which holds the honour of the highest-grossing film franchise of all time.

Cleaved in two for creative and commercial reasons, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows follows the shocking events of Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince, with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing the renewed threat from Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) and the Death Eaters.

David Yates, who directed the sixth film, strikes an even darker, gloomier tone for his imagining of the seventh book, leavened with occasional flashes of humour such as when Mad-Eye Moody (Brendan Gleeson) warns his fellow wizards that the magical Polyjuice Potion tastes like something unsavoury a goblin might produce.

Screenwriter Steve Kloves remains faithful to Rowling's hefty tome, but is allowed brief moments of artistic licence.

We see Harry and Hermione tenderly dancing together, and Voldemort preys upon Ron's insecurities and jealousy by taunting him with a vision of a naked Harry and Hermione locked in a steamy embrace, their blushes spared by swirling tendrils of smoke.

The third film is certificate 12A for a reason.

Even more startling is a stylish animated sequence, that recounts The Tale Of The Three Brothers from Hermione's copy of The Tales Of Beedle The Bard, which explains the meaning of the Deathly Hallows.

The nefarious Lord Voldemort and his followers, including Bellatrix Lestrange (Helena Bonham Carter) and Lucius Malfoy (Jason Isaacs), continue to grow in power, threatening everything that Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) and his followers hold dear.

With Hogwarts in disarray, Harry, Ron and Hermione embark on a perilous quest to find



Picture: PA Photo/Warner Bros

**HALF A STORY:** Grief and sexual tension are among the themes for Harry, Hermione and their friends in the first instalment of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

the mysterious Horcruxes and stop the forces of darkness taking over the wizarding world.

Originally intended for release in 3D, Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 will only screen in traditional 2D, after the technical wizards at Warner Bros were unable to convert this first instalment to the eye-popping format in time for the worldwide release.

In some ways, it's a blessing, because the film's running time of 146 minutes would mean eye strain for younger audiences.

That said, Part 2 will definitely screen in 3D, ensuring Harry, Ron and Hermione conclude their epic quest with a bang.

Several sequences in David Yates's film have clearly been designed with the format in mind, such as when Voldemort's snake Nagini springs at the camera, fangs bared.

Radcliffe's limited acting range draws unwelcome attention and he is unable to convey the grief of his teenage hero.

Meanwhile, Watson blossoms, capturing the heartbreak of a Mudblood who may lose everything, and Grint provides comic relief as well as mild sexual tension as Ron wrestles with his feelings for Hermione.

Fiennes glowers behind his flawless make-up and Yates seamlessly melds visual effects

and live action, not least with the re-introduction of Dobby (voiced by Toby Jones).

Part 1 concludes with good and evil evenly balanced, both sides having suffered losses in pursuit of ultimate victory.

The release of Part 2 on July 15, 2011, seems an agonisingly long way off.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1**  
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**ANIMAL MAGIC:** Autumnwatch presenters Chris Packham and Kate Humble



**YOUR TV REVIEW** AUTUMNWATCH: BBC2, 8.30pm, Thursday

AUTUMNWATCH comes to an end next week and I for one am not disappointed.

The programme has had a bit of a makeover in the last few outings since that stalwart of natural history programmes, Bill Oddie, decided to leave. He has been replaced by the less grumpy Chris Packham who now sits next to Kate Humble.

It has to be said the sexual chemistry between the two is less disturbing than it was between Mr Oddie and Kate. He was old enough to be her father and I could have done without the stream of innuendo that was inevitable when watching animals do the fundamentals of life.

The programme tries in as many ways as possible to get the public involved. Send us your pictures, emails, join in with our online quiz and press the red button to see more

■ BY ED HILL

footage of stags rutting, badgers grooming and birds bonking. This is an increasing tendency in TV these days. The cheapest way to make television is to get your viewers to send in the content.

This is just one of my problems with the programme and its sister Springwatch. When it first started in 2005 it was a good idea. The live element of watching the animals was something new and it did put a focus on British wildlife which is often neglected for the flashier critters of the African savannah or Amazonian rainforest.

But five years later the novelty is wearing off. There's only so many times watching a badger scratch its privates or wren chicks depositing

their faecal sacks into their mother's beak is appealing.

They have also introduced another new presenter, Martin Hughes-Games. With his long, flowing locks and soft voice I suspect he has been brought in to be the eye candy for female viewers.

Mr Hughes-Games is a very experienced natural history producer who has now made the move in front of the camera, but quite frankly his style just seems to reinforce the feeling that this programme is made more for the enjoyment of the people making it than its viewers.

I suspect the fact that Mr Oddie and the other long-term presenter Simon King have left the programme is a sign that they could see the end is nigh. Rats can always be seen leaving a sinking ship. (Now that would be fascinating natural history viewing.)





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# yourmusic

## Bees creating a buzz at the Farm



**NIGHT OFF:** The Bees are currently on tour, supporting Modfather Paul Weller

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

INDIE rockers The Bees buzz into Canterbury tomorrow night to play The Farmhouse.

The Isle of Wight outfit have agreed to play the intimate venue on a night off from supporting Modfather Paul Weller on his 2010 stadium tour.

The talented six-piece, famed for radio-friendly hits such as A Minha Menina, Wash in the Rain and the annoyingly infectious Chicken Payback, will perform all their classic tracks as well as new material from their fourth studio album, Every Step's A Yes.

A Farmhouse spokesman said: "The Bees are one of our favourite bands here at The Farmhouse, having graced the Sunday night line-up at Lounge On The Farm in both 2007 and 2008.

"Impossible to pigeon-hole, The Bees play a mix of americana, folk, blues, reggae and world music, that is danceable, grooving, uplifting and lazy all in the same breath.

"Guaranteeing smiles all round, they are a truly classic English act, likened to many, but comparable to none.

"Their new album is promising to be one of their finest yet from first listenings, which, in relation to Mercury-nominated Sunshine Hit Me and instant classic Free The Bees, is no small feat.

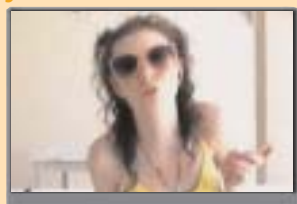
"Probably one of the biggest acts we've had join us at The Farmhouse, this is as exclusive and as intimate as it gets, and tickets are gonna buzz out the door for this, so don't sleep on it."

Next up at The Farmhouse is Last Japan on Friday, December 3, quickly followed by the legend that is DJ Format on Saturday, December 11.

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**BEING POLITE:** Singer Kayleigh Phillips performs her new song The Polite Way



**BAND PRACTICE:** Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 The Self Titled - 27/11 The Maidens Head Canterbury
- 2 Craig Sheridan - 28/11 The Deal Hoy
- 3 Vivid Nation - 7/12 Beercart Arms Canterbury
- 4 Happy Daze - 11/12 The Heron Herne Bay
- 5 Flipsch - 31/12 The Maidens Head Canterbury/King Edward VII, Margate

Taylor and Pete Molinari have been lined up to play in the New Year.

Mr Taylor will bring his quartet to Canterbury in February while Pete Molinari will perform in March.

For details, visit [www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk](http://www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk).



**BACKDROP:** The beauty of skiing at Lake Tahoe is enhanced by stunning views over the lake on one side and the Nevada desert on the other

## yourgetaways

# A Heavenly destination for winter sports and casinos

■ BY ROSAMOND HUTT

IT might be beach happy in the summer, but California also makes a fantastic skiing destination.

As our eight-man gondola inched its way up the mountain, the neon-lit casinos, motels and wedding chapels lining the highway shrank to toytown proportions, before vanishing entirely beneath a ridge.

At last, Heavenly was living up to its name. We found ourselves in a hushed, Narnia-esque world, with bear tracks criss-crossing the pine forest, branches creaking under layers of snow and Lake Tahoe's sparkling waters, far below, reflecting the peaks of the Sierra Nevada.

Holidaying in Heavenly, on the south shore of Lake Tahoe, which straddles the California/Nevada border on America's west coast, means wholeheartedly embracing the resort's dual personality.

By day, our group was 3,000 metres above sea level, skiing on immaculately-groomed runs, reveling in spectacular views of the cobalt blue lake on the Californian side and the rusty expanse of Nevada's desert on the other.

After dark, having abandoned any notion of traditional, gluhwein-fuelled apres-ski, we joined the punters trying their luck on the green baize tables in giant, Vegas-style casinos in Nevada.

At Harrah's, a casino-hotel with almost 5,000 square metres of gaming space, we watched Arthur 'Arty' Hervey entertaining the highrollers, swingers and bachelor parties with a repertoire of hits, ranging from Frank Sinatra to Justin Timberlake.

### FACT FILE: CALIFORNIA

Time difference	-8 hours (GMT)
Capital	Sacramento
Language	English
Population	36.9 million
Currency	US dollars
Religion	Christian



Rosamond Hutt was a guest of Virgin Holidays, which offers seven nights in California including flights to San Francisco, five nights at the 5V Embassy Suites Hotel in South Lake Tahoe and two nights at the Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf

in San Francisco, both on B&B, from £978. Connecting flights ex-Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh start at £99 return. Prices include car hire. Virgin Holidays reservations: 0844 557 3859 or [www.virginholidays.co.uk](http://www.virginholidays.co.uk).

One alternative to the casinos is to join the starry-eyed couples on a sunset dinner cruise aboard the Tahoe Queen, a paddleboat which steamed up and down the Mississippi in the early 20th century.

On another afternoon, our group swapped skis and snowboards for snowmobiles.

We roared along zig-zag trails, through forests of towering pines and aspens, to the top of the mountain to find such picture-perfect views of the lake that I half expected a stagehand to appear and start raising the backdrop.

Our ski instructor, Pat, warned us about Tahoe's abundant black bear population, and has caught several sifting through his rubbish bins. The backcountry is also home to chipmunks, raccoons, bobcats and mountain lions.

But hopes of spotting some of the local wildlife were dashed by the combined din of revving Yamaha engines and shrieks as our group grappled with unfamiliar steering and brakes.

Tahoe, the Native American word for big water, is the world's second biggest Alpine lake after Titicaca, and one of America's most popular skiing areas.

Bought in 2002 by Vail Resorts, which also owns four ski areas in Colorado, Heavenly is the largest of seven resorts dotted around the lake, attracting around a million ski and board visitors each year.

Its proximity to hubs like San Francisco in California and Reno in Nevada make the resort a huge hit with day-trippers and weekenders, as well as inter-state and long-haul visitors.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Citroën C4 offers more size and more space

ORDER books have opened for the all-new Citroën C4, which brings the French marque's more contemporary sculpted styling to its family hatchback.

Launched in five-door format in January it will be slightly larger externally than its predecessor, with enhanced aerodynamics due to front and rear spoilers.

However, it is roomier inside and the boot is claimed to be the largest in its sector. Prices start from £15,595 for the 1.4 VTi 95hp VTR petrol version.



### Skoda voted What Car best manufacturer

MORE than 30,000 What Car? readers have voted Skoda the Best Manufacturer of 2010.

Skoda models also scored well in their categories, with the Octavia (sporty vRS model is pictured) first in the Small Family car group and second in the Estates category; the Roomster was fourth best MPV, the Yeti voted fifth best SUV and the Fabia was in the top 10 supermini rankings. The VW-owned Czech brand has also notched UK sales of 37,000 cars this year.



### Landmark luxury here in black and white

LAND Rover has forewarned of a Landmark limited edition of the Discovery 4x4 available from January.

Priced at £46,945, and using black and white colour themes, LR says the new versions feature high-end interiors including an ivory leather interior option - a first for the Discovery.

Fitted as standard is the popular 3.0 litre SDV6 twin turbodiesel and the marque's famous Terrain Response, which equips the car for virtually all on-road/off-road driving situations.



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# Hyundai crossover is a no-brainer - guaranteed

CROSSOVER is the motor market buzzword and Hyundai was typically quick to voice it, with the ix35 launched earlier this year.

Replacing its more conventional Tucson SUV (sports utility vehicle), the ix35 is more compact, lighter on its feet and the sharp lines are reminiscent of the Ford Kuga - one of the smarter compact SUVs on the market.

It starts at just £16,195, yet brings alloys, air con, Bluetooth and iPod/USB connectivity, heated front and rear seats and door mirrors, leather steering wheel and gear knob and reverse parking sensors as standard, plus five years' roadside assistance and Hyundai's usual five-year/unlimited miles warranty.

But that keen entry price only buys you the front-wheel drive 1.6-litre petrol model - most buyers want the front-wheel drive diesels (from £17,395), though there is still demand for the full 4x4 2.0-litre diesel versions from £19,995, as tested here.

This engine pulls well and feels incredibly refined and, though it is now a well-worn cliché, you really would be hard-pressed to tell

## ROAD TEST HYUNDAI ix35

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

whether it was actually a petrol unit. It is also incredibly clean, with emissions attracting a road tax of just £90 a year.

The engine works well in 4x4 format too; worth a relatively paltry extra £1,000 against an equivalent front-wheel drive version, and a bargain here in flagship Premium form, bringing full-length panoramic glass sunroof, lots of interior chrome, cruise control, dual zone climate control, part-leather upholstery, smart roof rails and loads more.

The 4x4's fuel and tyre consumption cannot possibly be as good as that for a front-driven version; official figures show that fuel consumption drops less than two mpg for the 4x4, but most drivers will exploit the extra grip and its partnership with a well-sorted chassis that shows what a clunker the Tucson was.

The cabin is well finished, though hardly earth-shattering in design, while the roominess and boot capacity are impressive, and the flat rear footwell makes it a comfortable five-seater.

Chuck in that copper-bottom warranty and it's a no-brainer but for the branding, though badge snobbery is fast waning in these more realistic times...we hope.



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007 07	Vauxhall Astra 1.7 CTDi Club Est, 1 Owner, FSH, AC, Cruise, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EM, CD, Met Silver	£4,495
04 54	Vauxhall Zafira 2.0 DTi Energy, 7 seats, 2 owners, 76,000 miles, SH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, CD, alloys, Met Silver	£4,695
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## PROPERTY NEWS



### Landlords advised on how to beat squatters

THE latest plans to give landlords information on combating squatters has been praised by an industry expert.

Paul Shamplina, founder of Landlord Action, said that housing minister Grant Shapps's plans were "encouraging" as they were taking a "proactive approach" to helping property-owners deal with illegal dwellers.

"We have also recently seen the stereotypical image of squatters brought into question.

"There has been an increase in squatting by young professionals who claim they cannot afford to rent, let alone buy a property, especially with the sharp rises in rent that we have seen of late," said Mr Shamplina.

He went on to say that landlords should ensure void periods were minimised and the property did not appear to be unoccupied, while reducing the ease of access to a home was also an important step.

In the new legal guide, homeowners were told that "the law is on their side".

### Warning to tenants over cheap rent scams

TENANTS should beware fraudsters who advertise properties at a cheap rent but then disappear with the deposits paid.

The thieves use websites and genuine letting-agency photographs copied from the internet to dupe people into putting down payments of thousands of pounds.

The property ombudsman has received 5,000 complaints so far this year, while the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau issued an alert last month after receiving 95 complaints, up to 50 of which were in London.

Housing charity Shelter believes such fraud is more widespread than previously thought, particularly in London, where a buoyant lettings market and shortage of properties has seen rents rise by 20 per cent in the last year.



# Buy-to-let market up as more seek to rent homes

■ BY NICK AMES

THE recovery of the buy-to-let market continued in the third quarter, according to recent figures which say it has been boosted by strong demand for rental property.

A total of £2.8 billion was advanced to investment landlords in the three months to the end of September.

This represents 33 per cent more than during the same period of 2009 and the highest level since the final quarter of 2008, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML).

The buy-to-let market was hit hard by the original credit crunch and the recession, with many lenders withdrawing completely as they struggled to raise funds to lend.

Lending levels hit a low of £1.9 billion in the second quarter of 2009, but advances have been gradually moving upwards since then, as the market has recovered.

Despite the recent improvement, lending levels remain only a fraction of the record £12.4 billion advanced to buy-to-let investors during the third quarters of both 2006 and 2007.

The CML said the rise in lending during the third quarter, which was 12 per cent up on the previous three months, was driven by strong demand for rental property as many first-time buyers struggled to get the mortgages they needed to buy their own home.

Michael Coogan, director general of the CML, said: "We would expect buy-to-let demand to pick up further if current rising rental trends continue and house prices remain broadly stable.



**SHORT SUPPLY:** A strong demand for rented property has resulted in a rise in buy-to-let mortgages

"However, there is short-term uncertainty as a result of the unresolved debate on housing benefit and landlords' response to new limits.

"The bigger question is whether there will be sufficient supply side capacity to meet that demand, as the number of buy-to-let lenders dwindled in the credit crunch after 2007 and is yet to be fully restored."

Nigel Terrington, chief executive of buy-to-let lender Paragon, said the figures were "encouraging" and reflected higher confidence

among landlords and lenders in the market.

"Although we are still a long way from normal market conditions and lending is low by historical standards, the market is heading in the right direction," he said.

Further figures revealing a stagnant mortgage market in September underlined the soaring demand for scarce rental properties.

There were 50,000 loans for house purchase, unchanged on August, although the value of loans fell by £200 million.

## First-time buyers back on the scene

PROPERTY website Rightmove has suggested that first-time buyers (FTBs) are returning to the housing market.

According to a report by the property website, which questioned 25,584 potential buyers last month, first-time buyers are being encouraged by falls in house prices.

It found that some 33 per cent of FTBs expect the cost of property to be lower this time next year, up from just 20 per cent in the previous three months.

Meanwhile, just over a quarter

of FTBs hope to purchase their first home in the next 12 months – up from 22 per cent in July, said Rightmove.

FTBs are key to the housing market and a shortage of them has meant a full recovery has yet to be seen.

They still need a hefty deposit of at least 25 per cent to secure a mortgage, according to figures, and this is why the numbers have been dwindling.

Finally, the survey also found that more than half of FTBs are aged between 25 and 34.



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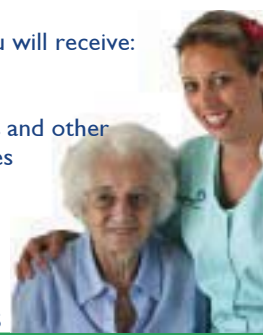
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WINGER: Maidstone United have secured the signature of Alex Flisher

# Flisher one for the future, says Ford

## Harlow Town 3 Maidstone United 0

TALENTED winger Alex Flisher has committed his future to Maidstone United by signing a new contract with the Ryman Premier League club.

Flisher, who is the latest product of the Stones' successful youth set-up, last week put pen to paper on a permanent deal for this season.

The 18-year-old was part of the Kent FA under-18s side who won the FA County Youth Cup and has impressed while on dual registration at Kent League side Tunbridge Wells and the Stones this season.

United boss Andy Ford said:

## FOOTBALL

"Hopefully Alex will now have the opportunity to continue his football development and education with Maidstone for the next season or so. He will then be in a position to have the skills and abilities to play football at a much higher level."

The Stones held a trial game on Wednesday, last week, to give the new manager a chance to assess his squad and look at trialists. The United boss says he has not made any decisions on new signings and is still searching for recruits. Although

capturing the signature of Flisher provided a boost for Ford, his side suffered a disappointing FA Trophy third qualifying round exit at the hands of Ryman North side Harlow Town on Saturday. Injuries and cup-tied players meant Ford had to name a much-changed line-up for the trip to Essex and they fell short.

The home side dominated the first-half and took the lead five minutes before the break through James Peagram. The striker added a second a minute after the restart.

Harlow's third came shortly after when Che Stadhart's strike condemned Maidstone to defeat.

## RUGBY

Picture MARTYN WATSON



BONUS BOOST: Aylesford Bulls ran in five tries

## Triumph tainted by unlucky break

### Aylesford Bulls 34 Old Dunstonians 5

AYLESFORD boosted their London 2 South East title hopes with a bittersweet victory at the Jack Williams Ground.

The Bulls managed to run in five tries to claim a bonus point win against Old Dunstonians, but the celebrations were muted after Dion Hurinui suffered a broken leg in the final minutes.

The visitors put Aylesford on the back foot in the early stages and Sam Carroll and Tim Sullivan were forced to spoil a couple of meaningful attacks. The hosts soaked up the pressure and after five minutes opened the scoring through Sullivan. The flanker stole the ball from a Dunstonian line-out and dived over, although the conversion was missed.

Glynn Mitchell's side sat back and allowed Dunstonians to play, and were punished on the half-hour mark as a try from a quickly-taken penalty levelled the scores.

That served as a wake-up call and six minutes later Aylesford regained the lead with their second try. Dan Harvey's cross-field kick found Steve Stewart, who fed Matt Henry, but he was stopped short of the line, illegally.

Luke Cherrington took a quick tap-penalty and passed to Andrew Martyn, who crashed over. The Bulls continued to push for more points in the second-half and Dan Harvey kept the scoreboard ticking over with a well-taken penalty. Two penalty tries followed, which sealed victory just before the hour.

The final try of the game came in the last minute – but at a cost to Aylesford as Hurinui suffered a nasty double fracture to his lower leg while powering over from a scrum. He was taken to hospital by ambulance and was due to undergo an operation on Sunday.



HOME FIXTURE? Artist's impression of the original ground plan at James Whatman Way

# Stones make stadium progress

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

MAIDSTONE United are edging closer to confirming their revised plan for the club's proposed new stadium at James Whatman Way.

The Ryman Premier League club have been striving to move back to the county town ever since the Stones reformed in 1992, and it appears they are now close to taking another small step nearer to ending their exile.

United have been planning to build a new ground on the James Whatman Way site ever since planning permission was granted by Maidstone Borough Council in 2004.

The original plan was for a 3,000-capacity stadium, expected to cost £800,000, but this has since been revised after the takeover by Maidstone businessman Terry Casey and property developer Oliver Ash last month.

Stones chief executive Bill Williams says the club are due to receive a set of costs for the



PROGRESS: Terry Casey, Bill Williams and Oliver Ash

proposed changes to the ground by next week.

Once these arrive the club will be close to confirming their new plan of action.

Williams said: "We've been through all the discussion regarding the changes to the stadium and are just waiting for the pricing and cost of the site changes to come back to us."

"We should be receiving these in a week's time. We haven't made too many changes, but

we have been asking, 'what can you get for your money?'

"One example is that we were going to have concrete terracing at one end of the ground and have found we can get the same thing for a fifth of the price all done in steel. It looks just the same, but we have got to look a bit deeper."

Williams and Casey also met with Dover Athletic chairman Jim Parmenter last week to seek advice on ideas for the new ground.

He said: "It was very helpful. Jim is old friend of mine and we went down there to have a look at a couple of things he's done, which included the new supporters' area they have built."

"He showed us how he set about it and how he was able to save money."

Maidstone's owners have been in charge for just over a month and Williams says he is pleased with what they have achieved so far in stabilising the club financially.

He said: "Progress has been excellent, really. We have achieved most of our targets and the whole idea of the first month was to stabilise the club. The mortgage has been secured, the loan to the council has been repaid and we are gradually paying off creditors as each week goes by. It's going well."

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# Lashings set for further Zulqarnain contract talks

## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

LASHINGS will hold more talks with exiled Pakistan cricketer Zulqarnain Haider next month after making contact on Monday.

David Folb, chairman of the Maidstone-based club, spoke with the 24-year-old over the phone with a view to offering a contract.

The prospect of a deal remains up in the air, with no agreement reached before Folb flew to Abu Dhabi on Monday night. Instead both parties have agreed to meet shortly after his expected return, on December 3.

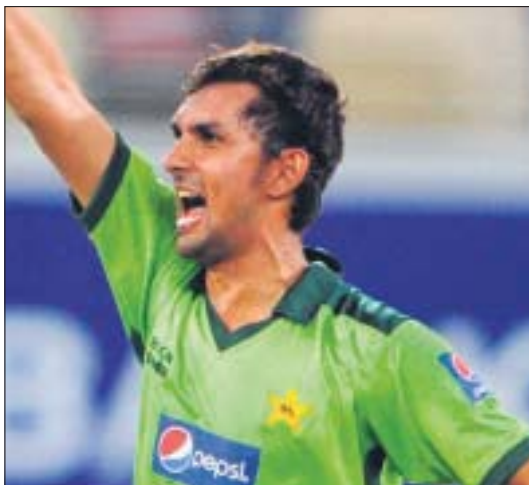
Zulqarnain fled to the UK earlier this month after claiming he had been threatened by an alleged match-fixing ring.

### Refuge

The club have a track record of signing players in search of refuge, with Rashid Latif and Henry Olunga joining in similar circumstances.

Lashings quickly went public to state they were attempting to contact him, which was widely reported around the world, but speaking before Monday's talks Folb insisted the move was only motivated in the player's interest.

He said: "Obviously he's over here in hiding like Henry Olunga was, we helped him out and this just seemed the right thing to do. I'm not sure we are bothered about the publicity. Years ago I think that might have been the case, but



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

**NEGOTIATIONS:** Lashings chairman David Folb has spoken over the phone with Pakistan exile Zulqarnain Haider

it doesn't affect us. We won't get any more bookings out of it.

"I don't think the ethos of the club has changed. We go around and the players enjoy what we do. We try where we possibly can to have guys with a good image. This sounds like a similar case to Henry.

"We are standing for everything that's good in cricket. We are trying to teach an example to others and until this match fixing business is stamped out it will be a scourge on the game."

The affair broke after Zulqarnain, who made his Test debut against England last summer,

claimed he and his family had received death threats following his refusal to throw Pakistan's fourth One-Day International with South Africa in Dubai.

Since claiming asylum he has been subjected to a barrage of criticism from former Pakistan internationals, including the 1992 World Cup winning captain Imran Khan and former Kent all-rounder Asif Iqbal.

There has been support from some, if not all, Pakistan fans and from Latif, an outspoken critic of match-fixing who was also ostracised by the Pakistan cricket establishment.

## RUGBY

# Battling double comeback leaves Brighton rocking

Maidstone 16 Brighton 14

MAIDSTONE are beginning to mount a serious London 2 South East title charge after coming from behind twice to record their third consecutive league win.

Brighton struck first on Saturday, after an incisive break engineered by their fly-half opened up the Maidstone defence.

The stand-off fed the prop-forward, who crashed over near the posts. But the conversion was missed, which was to prove costly at the end.

The Sussex side extended their lead on the half-hour with a penalty conceded by Neil Graves, who was shown a yellow card.



Picture: BOB HAYTON

**RISING:** Maidstone's title charge is shaping up after Saturday's hard-fought victory over Brighton

The visitors moved into an 11-point lead courtesy of another penalty, but the home side were given a boost at the start of the second-half when Brighton were reduced to 14 and Ben Smith opened Maidstone's account with a 35-metre penalty. Smith proved instrumental in the comeback, scoring a try shortly after to shift the momentum towards the home side.

Kiwi Tommy King scored another try five minutes later to push Maidstone into the lead. Brighton responded with a penalty to retake the lead as the game entered the final quarter. With ten minutes remaining a converted penalty put Maidstone back in front and, despite a nervous finish, they held on to the victory.

# Cook dreams of world stage

## MOTORSPORT

**PROMISING** rally driver Louise Cook has set herself the target of joining the World Rally Championship (WRC) Academy by 2012.

The Aylesford driver is beginning to attract attention after winning the British Rally Championship Challenge RC4 class title in her first full season in the sport.

Despite just one season behind the wheel, Cook is already looking to the future and has her eyes set on competing on the world stage in just over a year's time.

The WRC Academy is a one-make series for stars of the future and provides drivers up to

the age of 25 with a crucial first step on the world scene. The championship, which will see drivers compete in identical Ford Fiestas, is made up of six rallies across the world.

Cook said: "The launch of the new FIA WRC Academy is fantastic for young drivers like myself.

"It is probably the best opportunity to get on the WRC ladder and start the climb to being the first female world champion."

The 23-year-old is well under way with her preparations for next season, which includes a test in the Fiesta championship car.

She said: "The Fiesta R2 felt really nice. It would be great to have some experience in one for 2011, but it all comes down to finance."



**AMBITIOUS:** Louise Cook is making quick progress

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